

September 13, 2006 Response to Office Action  
In re Appln. of Schroeder et al.  
Application No. 10/660,379

Page 8/8

*REMARKS*

*The Pending Claims*

The pending claims are directed to a chemical-mechanical polishing composition comprising fumed silica particles, at least one alkaline earth metal, an oxidizing agent, and a liquid carrier. Claims 1-42 currently are pending. Claims 43-98 are canceled.


*Summary of the Office Action*

The Office Action states that the application is in condition for allowance except for the cancellation of claims 43-98, which were not elected with traverse due to a previous restriction requirement.

*Discussion*

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-42. The applicants have canceled claims 43-98. The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance. The Examiner is invited to the undersigned representative with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Thomas Omholt  
Reg. No. 37,052  
(630) 375-2033

Cabot Microelectronics Corporation  
870 North Commons Drive  
Aurora, Illinois, 60504  
United States of America  
Tel. (630) 375-5465